

Miscellaneous.

TRINITY CHURCH, PADDINGTON.—This church, which has been lately consecrated, was built by Mr. Higgs, under the direction of Mr. Cundy, the architect. It is in the perpendicular gothic style of the 14th century, and contains 1,000 pews, besides 403 sittings for adults and 200 for children. The chancel is covered, inside and out, with encaustic tiles, and the windows are of stained glass. The building originated with the Rev. John Miles, who offered 4,000*l.*, with the proviso that the church should not cost less than 10,000*l.* The contract for building it was 14,000*l.*, but by reason of extras, will be increased 4,000*l.* The Church Commissioners have given 10,000*l.*, and the Bishop of London and the trustees of the Paddington estate presented the ground both for the site of the church and for that of a parsonage house attached to it, besides having engaged to build the latter, to which also the Rev. Mr. Miles has contributed upwards of 500*l.* Mr. Miles has also given the eastern stained-glass window, which cost him 500*l.* He has also contributed the expense of the decorations of the chancel, amounting to upwards of eighty guineas. The building-fund committee, by subscription, put in the four stained-glass side windows, which cost 500*l.* Upwards of 2,000*l.* were sunk in raising the foundation on its low site.

THE LATEST EXCAVATIONS AT POMPEII.—While the Scientific Congress was lately assembled, a house was exposed which, according to the Italian journals, had evidently belonged to a rich citizen. The frescoes are said to have been well executed, but the other parts were not in any way remarkable. The house, known by the title of the "Hunters," is now entirely exposed. It is only remarkable for its pictures, which all relate to hunting. The house examined on the occasion of the visit of the Emperor of Russia presented nothing worthy of notice. A few amphora and some bronzes were found, but their quality was exceedingly ordinary. The visit of the Empress of Russia brought to light a portable kitchen. It was made of iron and prepared with cavities to receive the saucers containing the meat and vegetables. A recent excavation has discovered a house, in one of the rooms of which was lying the skeleton of a man, and near him thirty-six silver coins and two gold ones. The latter were of the time of Domitian, and the silver pieces bore the likeness and the name of Vespasian. It is thought to be not unlikely that this man may have been a thief, who was overtaken by the fiery storm whilst making his escape with his booty.

STREET ARCHITECTURE.—A correspondent of the *Connoisseur*, speaking of the changes apparent in our street architecture, remarks that "the only danger appears to be, as regards external ornament, lest, by avoiding one extreme, the taste of the day should tumble headlong into its opposite; and, while steering clear of the Scylla of Insipidity, it should be urged into all the Charybdis of complexities. Nor is this a mere visionary notion. A practical illustration presents the two extremes, even in one of our streets. Let any one contrast the two ends of Oxford-street, the old and the new; and the want of ornament in the one case, and the superabundance in one or two of the new buildings in the other, is self-evident. For my part, I would almost rather suffer from a plethora, than from inanition; but there are certain limits beyond which it is impossible to go, and these are soon reached: a reaction will take place; and, as in other matters, a standard, somewhat varying according to circumstances, will be the necessary result. Not that I would advocate uniformity of design: this would be as unsatisfactory to the eye, as monotony to the ear."

FALL OF HOUSES IN MIDDLE-ROW, HOLBORN.—The fall of the two houses in Middle-row, Holborn (on the 2nd instant), will, it is to be hoped, lead to the entire removal of the block of houses forming this narrow way. Many of those which remain are in a state of great danger, and should be taken down immediately to prevent accidents. Several houses fell last week in Round-court, Clerkenwell-green, undermined by a rise of water from the Fleet sewer.

* A monthly periodical, conducted with much ability.

SCULPTURE FOR THE LIVERPOOL LAW COURTS, &c.—It was moved, in the Liverpool Council on the 5th instant, by Mr. Stewart, that the council should confirm the proceedings of the Improvement Committee, recommending the council to order the design for the sculptured work for the south pediment of the new buildings, to be completed under the direction of Mr. Cockerell. Mr. Stewart in moving the resolution, observed that the payment would be spread over two or three years, as the workmanship would require that time for its execution. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Rathbone, "that the sculpture proposed to be procured for the embellishment of the southern pediment, beautiful as it is, and highly creditable though it be to the genius and talents of Mr. Cockerell, be declined, as its purchase would be inconsistent with the present state of the corporation funds." After a few miscellaneous remarks, however, the original motion was finally carried by a majority of 24 to 8.

THE GRAVEYARD QUESTION.—Mr. Mackinnon's Public Cemeteries Bill—having for its object, to prevent all interments within the precincts of large towns or populous places,—to prevent dead bodies from being kept in the rooms of the poorer classes for an indefinite time, a practice inducing many pestilential disorders,—and to limit, in some measure, the exorbitant charges of undertakers and others, which the poor are unable to pay,—has been withdrawn, on the understanding that his principle would be adopted by the Government next session. Mr. Mackinnon is much too yielding.

CHURCHES INJURED BY THE STORM.—The spire of the new church of St. George's, Leicester, was altogether destroyed by lightning during the late storm, as mentioned in a correspondent's letter, and the roofs and staircases of the church itself were also partly destroyed by the falling of the spire. The pinnacle of the tower steeple of the church at Dedham, was also struck by the electric fluid and shivered into fragments. The steeple itself too, is very much shaken and rent.

HOW TO CUT AND BORE GLASS LIKE METAL.—Dr. J. Ryan has been of late revealing to his hearers, at the Polytechnic Institution, "a secret well worth knowing." By moistening the usual instruments with a solution of camphor in turpentine, instead of emery, or sulphate of copper, he has proved, practically, that glass may be cut and bored as readily and as safely as if it were one of the metals.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND THE PAVILION AT BRIGHTON.—It is proposed to make additions to Buckingham Palace, at an estimated cost of 150,000*l.* To defray this in part, the marine pavilion, with the ground on which it stands, is to be sold. The alterations will be made under the direction of Mr. E. Blore.

SITES FOR DWELLINGS FOR THE POOR.—Lord Morpeth has withdrawn his Bills empowering the Woods and Forests to dispose of land, at reduced prices, for the dwellings of the humbler classes.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE MANSION HOUSE.—It has been resolved to expend 1,000 guineas on the improvement of the entrances to the Mansion House.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

(We are compelled, by the interference of the Stamp Office, to omit the names of the parties to whom tenders, &c. are to be addressed. For the convenience of our readers, however, they are enclosed in a box, and may be seen on application at the office of "The Builder," 2, York-street, Covent Garden.)

For the erection and completion of retorts, hydraulic mains, condensers, purifiers, valves and connections, street mains (turned and bored), with necessary bends and syphons, for the Downpatrick Gas Company, at per ton, delivered in Downpatrick, with an accompanying tender.

For erecting and fitting the above complete at the Downpatrick works, if required. Separate tenders will be received.

For a gas-holder and suspension complete, fitted up at the Downpatrick Gas Works. Also separate tenders.

For the erection of the necessary buildings of the Downpatrick Gas Company, including retort-house, purifying-house, coal and coke sheds, dwelling houses and offices, fence, wall, tank, and chimney.

For the supply and erection of metal lamp-posts in the town of Lurgan, Scotland.

For lifting, removing, and depositing materials for the formation of the embankment of the Shaws' Water Company, at Greenock.

For a malleable iron retort-house roof, 55 feet span, for the Carlisle Gas Light and Coke Company.

For two hydraulic mains, each consisting of 11 lengths of flanged pipe, for the Carlisle Gas Company.

For a set of condensers, consisting of 48 ten-inch pipes, &c., for the Carlisle Gas and Coke Company.

For cast-iron lime-mixing and water cisterns, for the Carlisle Gas and Coke Company.

For three slide valves for the above company.

For 1,000 lengths of 2½ inch rain-water pipe, and 100 heads, for Mr. H. C. B. Brunell, London.

For 500 lengths of 1-inch pipe, and 50 heads, for Mr. H. C. B. Brunell, London.

For the execution of the works remaining to be done on the Morley contract of the Leeds, Dewsbury, and Manchester Railway.

For the letting of stone quarries at Potternewton, near Leeds.

For the execution of the works on the first contract of the 194 miles, or thereby, from Kighly to Shipston and Colne, on the Leeds and Bradford line, including fencing, earth-work, masonry, roads, and permanent way.

For the execution of the works on the second contract of the 194 miles, or thereby, running from Kighly to Shipston and Colne, on the Leeds and Bradford line, including fencing, &c., as above.

For making the necessary alterations and additions at the building called the People's Hall, at Wednesbury, in Staffordshire, for covering the same into a police station-house.

For the disposal of a long-established general and furnishing ironmongery business, at Wells near the sea, Norfolk, with stock and fixtures.

For the erection and completion of the lodges at level crossings on the Waterford and Kilkenny railway, between Kilkenny and Thomastown station—a length of about 11 miles.

For the letting of an old-established and thriving carpenters and builders' business, at Hammermith, street, and good-will &c.

For the disposal of blue clay, from a depth of from 50 to 100 feet, at Camden Town.

For the construction of sewers, drains, tanks, &c., at South Minton, near Grayswood.

For the erection of a public house at Hixthorpe.

For the erection of the proposed Queen's College, at Galway.

For partnership in an extensive engineering and ironmongery business in town, comprising also the general business of a smith and a stone mason.

For alterations to, and alterations of, the Farnham work-house.

For alterations and additions at the Aldenote workhouse.

For the disposal of the steam-engine and machinery of a saw-mill.

For building sewers on the Cloth Workers' Company's Estate, Islington-fields, and in Brindle-lane, for a length of about 1,300 feet.

For building sewers in Nicholson-street, New North-road, Hoxton, to the extent of about 950 feet.

For building sewers in Worslip-street, Shoreditch, for a length of about 650 feet.

For building sewers on the north side of Bedford-square, Bloomsbury, for a length of about 550 feet.

For the disposal of an ironmongery business at Lynn, Norfolk.

For all the works required in the erection of the Wesleyan Schools at Wednesbury.

For the disposal of the lease and good-will of a deceased person's extensive plumber's, painter's, carpenter's, builder's, and decorator's premises, in Great Portland-street.

For some good second-hand glass cases, with glazed doors, 10 feet by 6 feet, and also counter-cases, &c.

For sundry repairs and decorations to be done to the parish church of St. James's, Westminster.

For the letting of Bordesley Iron Works on lease with condensing engine, machinery, &c.

For the disposal of the lease and fixtures of an oil and colourman's business in London.

For the erection of a new theatre at Leamington.

For the sale of a retail ironmonger's business at Royal Leamington Spa.

For the disposal of an old-established builder's business near London.

For the sale of 20,000 to 25,000 blocks of round redwood sleepers.

For the erection of schools at Walton Churchyard, Liverpool.

For the disposal of a plumber's, painter's, and glazier's business, in a market town twenty to thirty miles from London.

For about 35,000 feet of new Dutch best Yorkshire paving, and for paving with it a footpath at Alde-end-road.

For the purchase of the whole apparatus lately erected at the Coventry Union Workhouse, for making gas.

For building sewers in various streets at Birmingham.

For 150 to 200 cast-iron pans, to hold from 150 to 200 gallons each—enamelled preferred.

For the disposal of a deceased ironmonger's business, and stock at Penryn.

For a supply of 40 fathoms of yellow deal ends and boards for the Islington workhouse.

For the disposal of a small tubular, high-pressure, eight-horse power steam boiler.

For the construction of a well for the Union Workhouse, Old Windsor.

For the disposal of a three-horse power portable condensing engine, by Messrs. Bramah.

APPROACHING SALES OF WOOD, &c.
BY AUCTION.

At Leigh: a quantity of Honduras and Cuba mahogany, and Bahia and Rio rosewood.

At Greenock: a cargo of elm and pine timber, spruce deals, &c.

At Yarmouth: a cargo of white baltens in small lots.

At or near Lochmaben, Scotland: about 100 lots of larch and Scots fir.

At the kitchen of the Hon. Sec. of Lincoln's Inn: all the surplus fixtures and fittings.

At Cambridge-street, Birmingham: a stock of mason's and other tools, with marble chimney-pieces, various sorts of marble in slabs and mantels, and of stone and flags, &c.

At Smithfield market: in lots, the building materials and fittings up of 20 houses, comprising about 500,000 excellent stock bricks, several tons of red, slate, tiles, &c.

At Deptford, near the railway station: the building materials of 20 houses.

At Belfast: a cargo of white pine and oak timber, spruce deals and larchwood.